THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no racket in the matter of reservation in trains but a few instances of malpractices in allotment of reservation by train conductors have come to notice.

(b) During the last six months, 160 preventive checks were conducted for detecting various kinds of irregularities.

(c) Does not arise.

Laying of railway track between Manipur-Guwahati

2203. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any railway track connecting Manipur and Guwahati;

(b) if not, whether Government have any proposal to lay a railway track connecting Manipur; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The work of construction of a railway from Diphu to Karong as the first phase of the rail link to Imphal has been included in the budget 1997-98. The work would be taken up once the necessary clearances have been obtained.

Restarting of Chhota Udepur-Pratapnagar Rail Line

2204. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Manister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when the Chhota Udepur-Pratapnagar rail line (narrow gauge) will restart which is closed for the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): The work of restoration of Bodeli-Chhota Udepur Section is proposed to be taken up during the financial year 1997-98.

Rail coaches from BEML

*2205. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board had withdrawn its orders for rail coaches from Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML), which has an installed capacity to roll out 700 rail coaches annually;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the rail coaches orders given to BEML during the last five years, year-wise alongwith the details of orders actually executed during this period; and

(d) the details of coaches being manufactured annually from different coach factories, factory-wise, during the last three years, year wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of railcoaches for which orders were given to BEML and those actually manufactured by them during the last five years are given below:

Year	Order	Actually manufactured
91-92	350*	375
92-93	375@	400
93-94	375@	375
94-95	9#	9
95-96	368	139

* Order quantity after adjustment of 50 coaches produced in excess in 90-91.

@ Order quantities after adjustment of 25 coaches produced in excess in the previous years.

\# Order quantity is small as 150 coaches programmed for 94-95 was preponed to 93-94.